



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MINUTES OF STATE WATER PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

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Governor

Idaho Department of Water Resources
Idaho Water Center, Boise, Idaho
January 25, 2008

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Chamberlain**
Challis
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**Lawrence "Vic"
Armacost**
New Meadows
At Large

The Chairman of the committee, Gary Chamberlain, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Vic Armacost and Leonard Beck were also present.

Staff members present were Hal Anderson, Administrator of Planning and Technical Division; Brian Patton, Bureau Chief of Planning; Sandra Thiel, Planner, Neeley Miller, Planner and Patsy McGourty, Recording Secretary.

Guests in attendance were:

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| David Blew, Idaho Power Co. | Lynn Tominaga, IGWA |
| Kevin Lewis, Idaho Rivers United | Shelley Davis, Barker Rosholt & |
| Claudia Haynes | Simpson |

Agenda Item No. 1, Review of Policies (continued)

The committee started at Section 4, Management with Policy 41B – Public Interest. The whole section was deleted.

Section A Agency Consolidation was deleted.

Section 4B – Review of Federal Reservoir Water Allocation – the phrase “in excess of 500 acre feet annually” was deleted. Staff was requested to check on the 1988 agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Section 4C – Energy Plan – This section was eliminated and Mr. Anderson agreed to check with the Office of Energy Resources about their connection with the State Water Plan.

Section 4D – Hydropower Licensing – This section was rewritten.

Section 4E – Hydropower Siting – This section was amended by taking out the reference to the State Energy Plan. There was discussion about the green aspects of hydropower.

Section 4F – Conservancy Districts – This section was discussed by the committee. A state law would be required to implement this policy that has not been used in the state so far.

Section 4G – Research Program – The committee wanted to add new programs that are using research, i.e., ESPA CAMP, recharge, and IWRRI among others.

Section 4H – Funding Program – The committee discussed the purpose of this policy. It was written when Board accounts were first setup. The committee made several revisions.

Section 4I – Planning Program – The policy was rewritten. Mr. Patton pointed out that the Organic Act Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service is already in place and is not being accomplished, while new planning priorities may be assigned by the current Legislature.

Section 4J – Federal and Tribal Water Rights – This section was updated and revised.

Section 4K – Water Rights Adjudication – This policy was restated.

Agenda Item No. 2. Future Meeting Schedule

The committee did not set any new meeting dates. The next meeting is set for February 5th at 9:00 a.m. in Boise.

Agenda Item No. 3, Assignments/Actions

Staff will prepare a new version and post on the website.

Dated this 29th day of January 2008.


Patsy McGourty
Administrative Assistant II